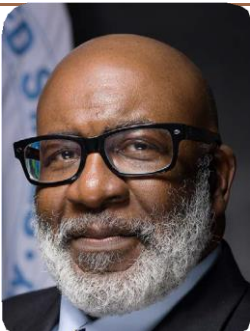




# Office of the Regional Administrator

The Office of the Regional Administrator (RA) represents national environmental concerns, policies and programs within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6. It advises the Administrator/Deputy Administrator on program issues within the region, provides a regional perspective on national policy issues, and makes decisions in delegated areas of responsibility. The RA's

Office manages the region's resources to ensure effective use and development of personnel, high productivity, cost-efficient operations and support of the agency's equal employment opportunity and environmental justice goals. The office manages intergovernmental activities by working closely with state, tribal and local governments to attain national, regional, state, tribal and local goals. It translates national policy into programs which meet regional needs, makes decisions and manages programs in partnership with state environmental agencies and tribal governments. This ensures we meet annual agency initiatives, ongoing program goals and the Administrator's goal of managing for environmental results.



## Office of the Regional Administrator (ORA)

*Sam Coleman*  
*Deputy Regional Administrator*

Samuel (Sam) Coleman is the Deputy Regional Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 in Dallas, Texas. Sam brings decades of EPA experience and leadership, from leading hazardous waste clean ups and emergency response missions to directing Region 6 enforcement activities. Mr. Coleman held several positions at EPA prior to his current position, including Director of the Superfund Division and, Director of the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division in Region 6 and Deputy Director of the Office of Site Remediation Enforcement at EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He guided EPA's response to Hurricane Katrina as the agency's senior federal official in New Orleans, leading EPA's emergency response and recovery missions. For these efforts, he was awarded a Meritorious Presidential Rank Award in 2009. Sam has provided extraordinary leadership in cleaning up contaminated sites, from, complex efforts such as Tar Creek in Picher, Oklahoma, which holds millions of cubic yards of hazardous mining waste, to dozens of brownfields redevelopment sites across Region 6. By working with local, state, and tribal partners to clean up hazardous waste, Sam and his teams have improved the quality of life and brought economic development to communities throughout Region 6.

# Office of External Affairs

The Office of External Affairs is responsible for maintaining effective relationships with federal, state, and local elected and appointed officials, community groups and media. The office also serves as the Regional Administrator's focal point for speaking events and Environmental Education. We help ensure key external stakeholders including academic institutions, industrial, environmental and public interest groups, the media and members of Congress are informed and involved with EPA's programs and decisions. We also provide information about the agency's programs and activities, advise senior leadership on information presentation and timing, prepare speeches and press releases, and are the point of contact for news media and members of Congress. All communication with Congress, whether by telephone or letters is, handled by this office. We monitor all state legislative sessions for potential bills that may impact environmental programs, operate the region's Public Information Center, and manage the public Web and social media.



## Office of External Affairs (6XA)

*David Gray*  
*Director*

David Gray is the Director of the Office of External Affairs with Region 6 in Dallas, Texas. He has directed the public affairs program since 1995 and has made it his mission to improve the public's access to the federal government and the public's awareness of EPA's activities. To help increase public awareness, David has led the effort to make senior government officials available to the media and the public through a wide range of events from community roundtables to conferences. He opened the first EPA Dallas Public Information Center providing toll-free public access for people living throughout the region. David has been with EPA since May 1987 and has been affiliated with almost every environmental program in the region.

Diane has been with EPA Region 6 for over 27 years. Her tenure began in the financial areas of the region involving budget, auditing, accounting and strategic planning. She also has experience in the air program and enforcement, and worked at Headquarters during execution of the 2009 stimulus bill to help set policy and procedures to facilitate the \$6B in state revolving funds distributed nationally. Her analytical skills and ability to plan have made her a valuable asset.

Currently, Diane is the Deputy Director of External Affairs and has served in this capacity for the last seven years. Diane brings a sense of calm to this hustling office that usually works on quick deadlines. Her goal is to keep management apprised of what is best for the region and the agency.

Diane holds a double bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business Administration from the University of Kansas. Her passions include helping others through mentoring and providing guidance for their professional careers or personal challenges.

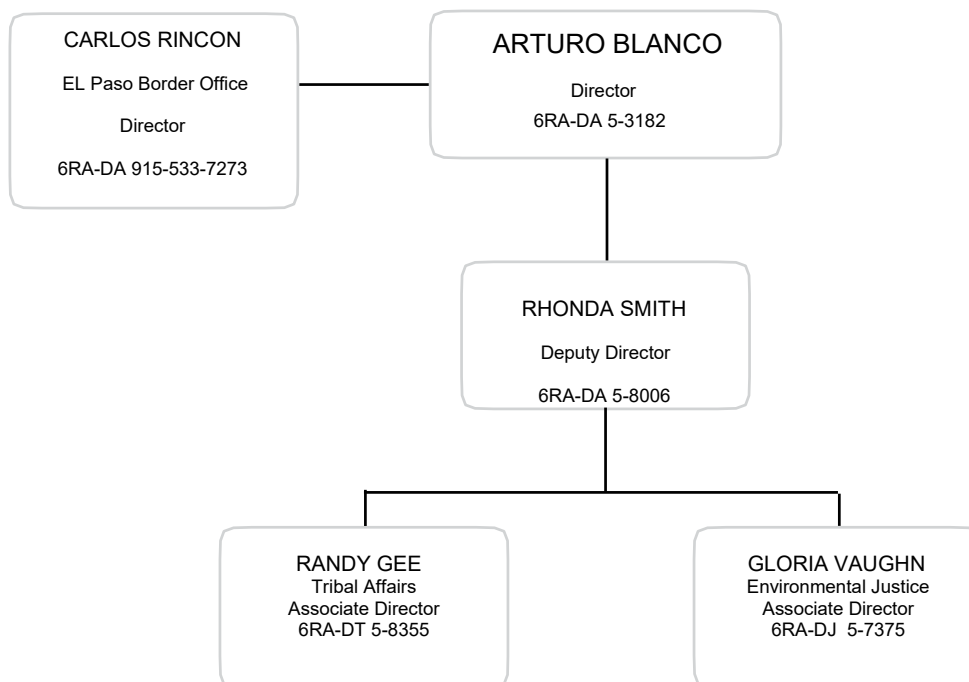
## Office of External Affairs (6XA)

*Diane Taheri*  
*Deputy Director*



# Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal & Int'l Affairs

The Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal, and International Affairs works closely with communities to facilitate culturally sensitive communication, find solutions, and reduce environmental challenges. The Environmental Justice (EJ) program's goal is to ensure that all people are protected from disproportionate impacts of environmental hazards by working with and on behalf of impacted communities. The U.S.-Mexico Border program honors commitments for joint U.S. and Mexico responsibility under the 1983 La Paz Agreement for protection of the environment and public health in the border region. The Tribal Affairs program serves 66 federally recognized Tribes on a government-to-government basis, consistent with their inherent sovereignty, to resolve environmental concerns. The Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal, and International Affairs also administers the General Assistance Program (GAP), which awards grants to tribes, implements the Border 2020 plan, and administers EJ2020 throughout Region 6.





Office of  
Environmental  
Justice, Tribal &  
Int'l Affairs (6RA-DA)

*Arturo Blanco*  
*Director*

Arturo Blanco is the Director of EPA Region 6's Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal, and International Affairs. Before joining EPA, Arturo successfully served in the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, where he was Chief of the Bureau of Pollution Control and Prevention. He also was with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (now known as Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) as an environmental investigator and a manager of air and waste programs. Arturo is an honorably discharged and retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force and has a Master of Public Administration from Troy State University, and Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida.

Rhonda has been with Region 6 for 30 years. She is the Deputy Director for the Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal, and International Affairs. Previously, she was in the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division for 10 years as Chief of the Office of Planning and Coordination that implemented the National Environmental Policy Act program, and Chief of the Hazardous Waste Compliance Enforcement Section. She has a bachelor's degree in Business, Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Strategic Management, and a Master of Arts with a focus in Adult Learning.

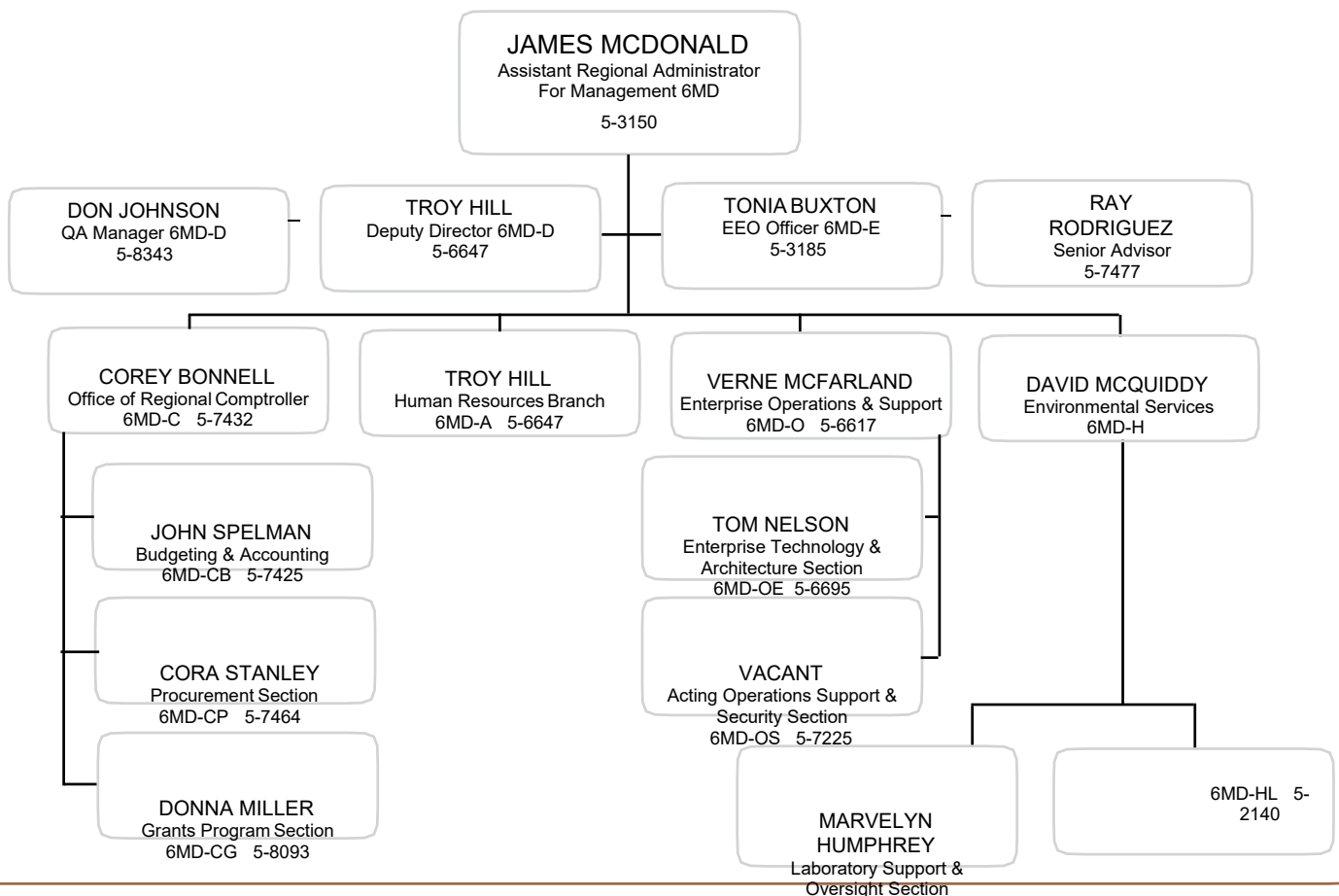
Office of  
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Int'l Affairs (6RA-DA)

*Rhonda Smith*  
*Deputy Director*



# Management Division

The Management Division is responsible for laboratory analysis, strategic planning, budget and financial resources, human resources, information planning and management, computer services, telecommunications and administrative support. We are responsible for state and program grants and their administration, contracts and human resources management and equal employment opportunity. Our responsibilities also include integrated planning and budgeting involving states and program grants, audit management, financial management, information systems, health and safety, quality assurance, cybersecurity, physical security and facilities management including the Houston Environmental Services Branch Laboratory. The laboratory provides quality assured analytical support using state-of-the-art techniques and methodology for organic, inorganic, and biological analyses. The lab also performs technical audits of environmental monitoring laboratories and public water supply laboratories. The Houston Lab is home to the mobile laboratory, which is designed to accommodate modern analytical instrumentation.







## Management Division (6MD)

*James McDonald*  
*Director*

James McDonald is the Assistant Regional Administrator for Management and Director of the Management Division at EPA Region 6. James brings to this position a decade of agency leadership and service across multiple program offices. He began his career at EPA as an Environmental Protection Specialist in 1992 in the EPA's Office of Pollution, Prevention, and Toxics Substances, and went on to serve as the Director of in the Office of Environmental Information's Planning, Resources and Outreach (OPRO) where he was responsible for leading the day-to-day operations of the office. This included budget formulation and execution, human resources, program and policy/regulatory development, administrative program and project management, and information technology systems oversight. Additionally, he served as the Chief of Staff to the Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer. James is a native of Mississippi where he attended Alcorn State University earning a Bachelor degree in Political Science. He also has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Masters in Human Resources Management from Webster University. Additionally, he holds a law degree from the University of Florida.

Troy Hill is the Deputy Director of the Management Division and has held this position since 2014. Troy started with EPA Region 6 in 1991 as a water quality modeler and has held management roles as an Associate Director in the hazardous waste permitting program, waste water permitting program and water grants program. Troy has a degree in civil engineering from Northern Arizona University and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Texas. Outside of work Troy enjoys spending time in the outdoors with his family.

## Management Division (6MD)

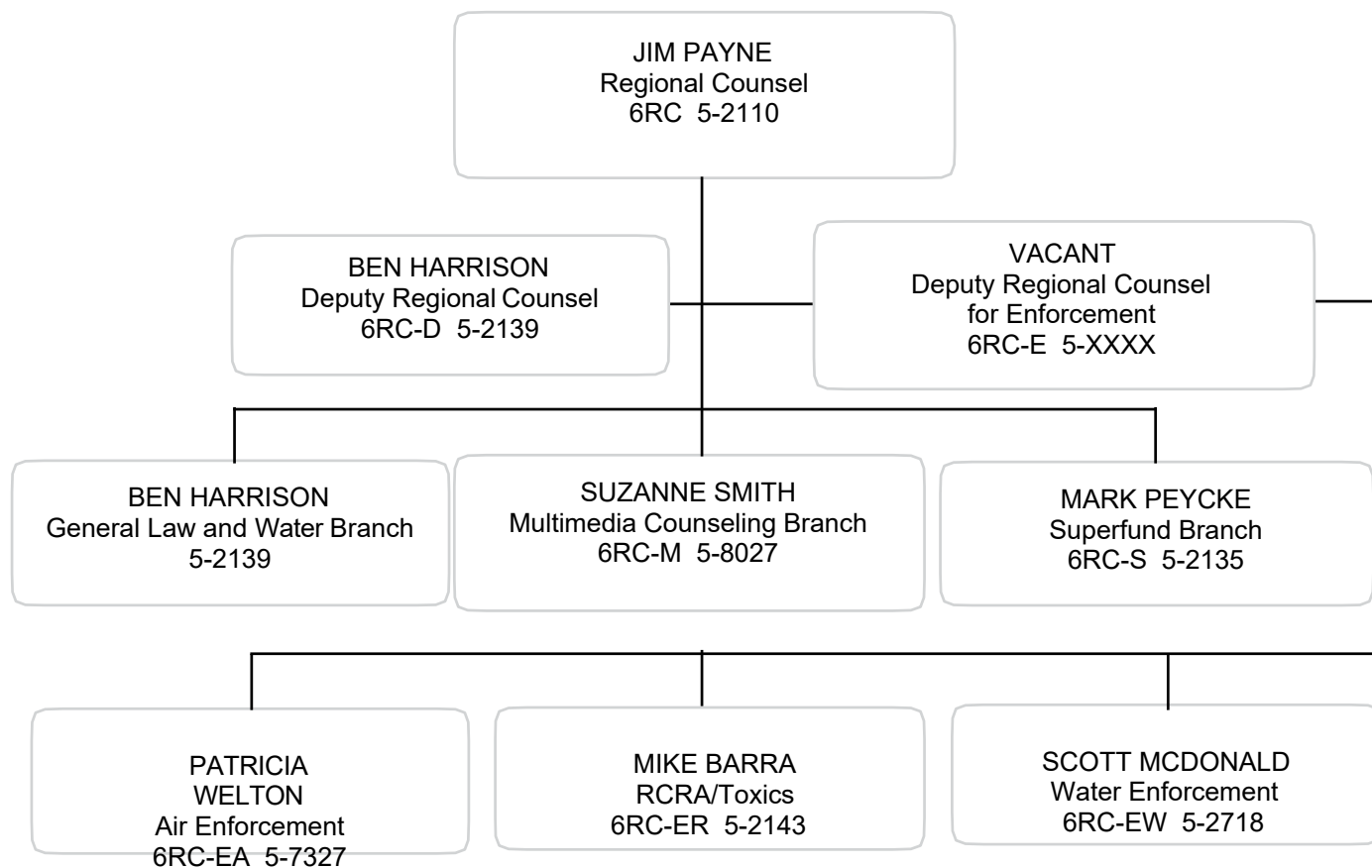
*Troy Hill*  
*Deputy Director*





## Office of Regional Counsel

The Office of Regional Counsel is responsible for advising on the legal sufficiency of permits, program delegation to the states, grants, Freedom of Information Act, general law, personnel and ethics issues, as well as providing official legal interpretation of agency regulations. Our office develops, implements and coordinates all regional legal activities including coordination and conduct of enforcement and defensive litigation; legal aspects of the region's financial assistance activities; review for legal sufficiency of many regional actions such as state delegations, permit actions, potential bills in state legislation, Federal Register notices and various other regional actions; and activities which raise legal questions, including interpretation of agency guidance, regulations and statutes, and coordination of legal and enforcement activities with state and local governments.





## Office of Regional Counsel (6RC)

*Jim Payne*  
*Regional Counsel*

James (Jim) Payne has served as Regional Counsel since February 2016, and his background as a senior executive includes extensive litigation, counseling, and enforcement experience. Before joining the EPA, Jim served as the Deputy General Counsel for General Law at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, managing the law office and advising and representing the agency on fiscal, procurement, labor, employment, Freedom of Information Act, rulemaking, and legislation matters. He spent several years at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Environment and Natural Resources Division as Counsel for State and Local Affairs and Senior Counsel for Alternative Dispute Resolution. He played a key leadership role in several high-profile projects, including the response to the Gulf Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the response to the Japan Fukushima nuclear crisis, and development of the 2011 multi-agency Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Justice. As Counsel for State and Local Affairs at the DOJ, he led an initiative that developed joint environmental cases or projects with all 50 states. Previously, he served in the Ohio Attorney General's Office as Assistant Attorney General and Senior Projects Attorney in the Environmental Enforcement Section. He has a Bachelor Degree in Engineering Sciences from Dartmouth College, and a Juris Doctor Degree from The Ohio State University. He also completed the Senior Managers in Government program at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. Jim received numerous accolades and special recognitions, including nine Department of Justice outstanding attorney awards and the Marvin Award from the National Association of Attorneys General.

Ben Harrison has been with Region 6 for more than 26 years and has served as the Deputy Regional Counsel and General Law Branch Chief for the past nine. In that capacity, he manages the office budget and resources, and supervises attorneys on a broad array of legal issues including National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Ocean Dumping Act, Endangered Species Act, Freedom of Information Act, personnel, labor relations, grants and appropriations. Ben began his career at EPA working on Superfund issues and also has experience with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Air enforcement, and the National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) permitting. Ben spent several years working on Clean Air Act (CAA) state implementation and served on national workgroups developing regulations to implement the 1990 CAA amendments. Prior to becoming the Deputy Regional Counsel, he was the Regional Judicial Officer and completed course work in conducting hearings at the University of Nevada, Reno. Ben has served as the Region's Senior Indian Law Advisor and was co-lead for EPA's National Indian Law Workgroup. He is also a certified agency ethics official and serves as the senior Assistant Deputy Ethics Official for Region 6.

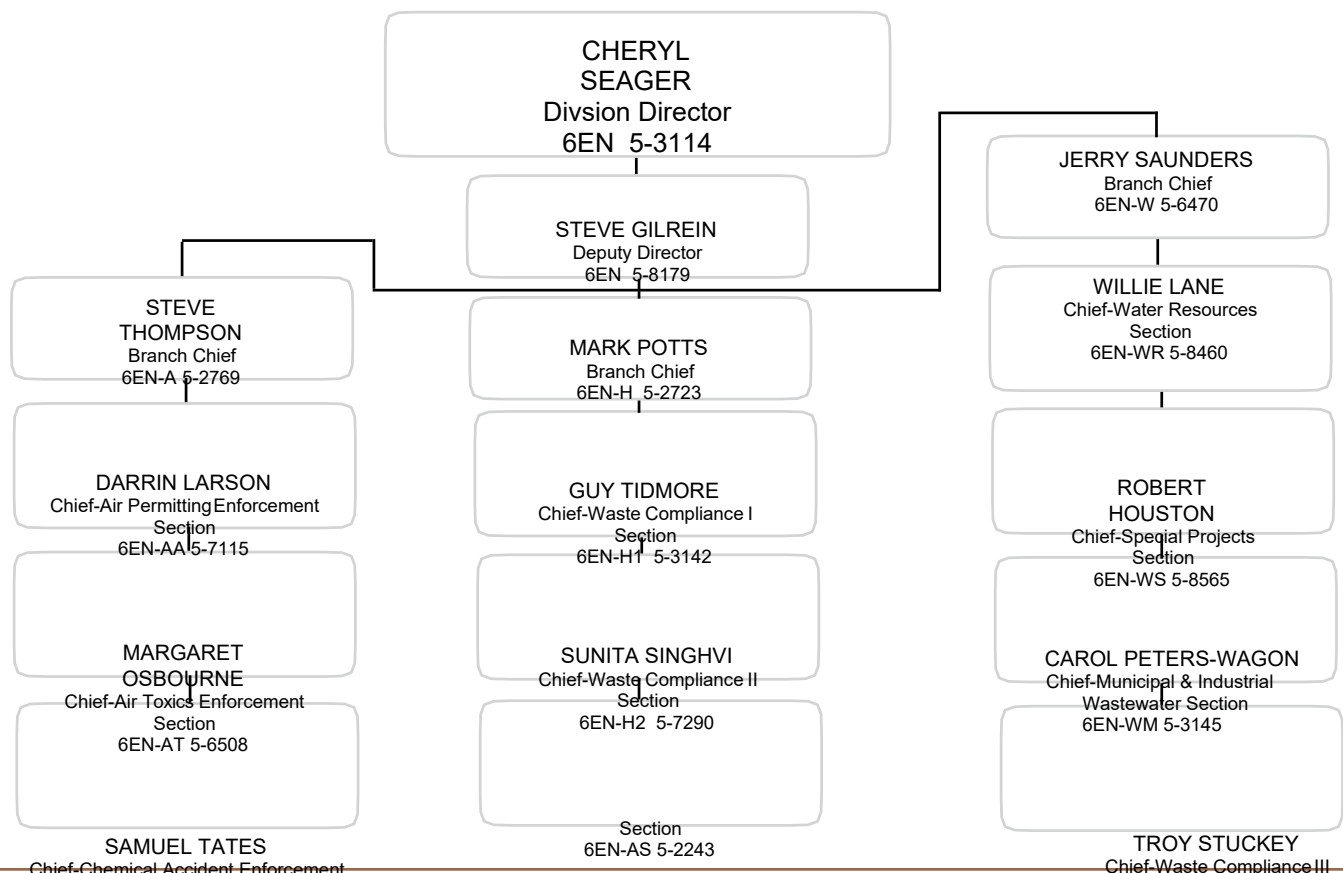
## Office of Regional Counsel (6RC)

*Ben Harrison*  
*Deputy Regional Counsel*  
*General Law Branch (6RC-D)*



# Compliance Assurance & Enforcement Division

The Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division promotes environmental compliance with federal environmental regulations in partnership with our states and tribes. We are responsible for single and multimedia inspections, investigations, and where appropriate, enforcement actions for violations of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Public Water Supply, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know, and the Toxic Substances Control Act. The division also serves as the region's focal point for compliance assistance, National Environmental Policy Act reviews and the Regional Air Impact Modeling Initiative.







### Compliance Assurance & Enforcement Division (6EN)

*Cheryl Seager*  
*Director*

Cheryl T. Seager is the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division Director for EPA Region 6 in. From 2010-2017, she was the Deputy Regional Counsel for Enforcement. Prior to her work as Deputy, she worked in EPA's criminal program for more than 20 years. In her role as Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel, she served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for four of the judicial districts in Region 6, assisting with the investigation and prosecution of numerous environmental criminal cases. Cheryl received her Bachelor of Science degree from Southeastern Massachusetts University, a Master of Education degree from Northeastern University, and her J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Texas.

Steve Gilrein is the Deputy Director of the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division. Steve has held this position since 2005. Previously, Steve was the manager for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permitting program, and before that he was a manager in the Superfund program. In total, Steve has 37 years of federal service: two with the Army Corps of Engineers in Chicago, and 35 with the EPA in Dallas. Steve received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1980 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, and his Master's degree in Civil Engineering in 1984 from the University of Texas at Arlington. Steve is a licensed Professional Engineer in Texas.



### Compliance Assurance & Enforcement Division

*Steve Gilrein*  
*Deputy Director*

## Multimedia Division

The Multimedia Division is responsible for the federal Clean Air Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Toxic Substances Control Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the Diesel Emission Reduction Act, and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The division has enforcement responsibilities for the Underground Storage Tank program, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, and the pesticides program. We work with our states to implement state air pollution control planning and permitting programs and assist in implementing solid waste programs. Our office also works with states to develop and manage the hazardous waste storage, treatment and disposal permitting and correction action programs. The division is responsible for the nation's only permitted nuclear waste repository, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The office also addresses children's health, lead paint, healthy homes and schools, indoor air and radon.

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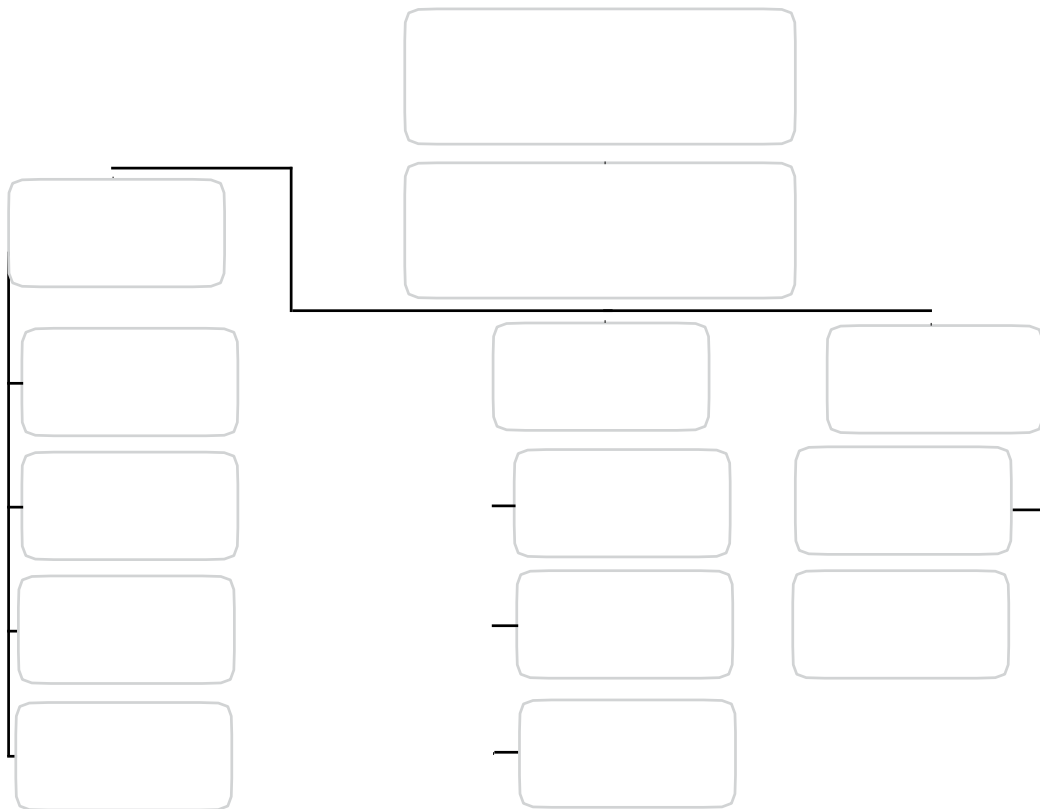
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### **Multimedia Division (6MM)**

*Wren Stenger*  
*Director*

Wren is currently director of the Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division. After graduating from Cameron University with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry, Wren worked as a wet-bench chemist and helped establish a new laboratory for the municipal state-of-the-art tertiary wastewater treatment facility in Lawton, Oklahoma. She moved on to work in private industry as a process chemist in Vernon, Texas. Wren subsequently completed her Master's Degree in Environmental Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas and began working for the EPA. Wren enjoys directing a multimedia program organization, strategic planning, process development, guiding organizational change, managing human resources, overseeing program activities, and finding solutions to big challenges.

Lisa is the Deputy Director of the Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division. After graduating from the College of William and Mary with a bachelor's degree in Geology, Lisa worked for a geotechnical engineering firm directing subsurface investigations for large-scale construction projects. Lisa joined the EPA working in the Philadelphia office in the emergency response program and then transferred to the Dallas office due to her spouse's employment relocation. As a staffer, Lisa has worked primarily in waste programs overseeing cleanups and revitalization efforts but enjoys learning about the multitude of programs within her division's purview.



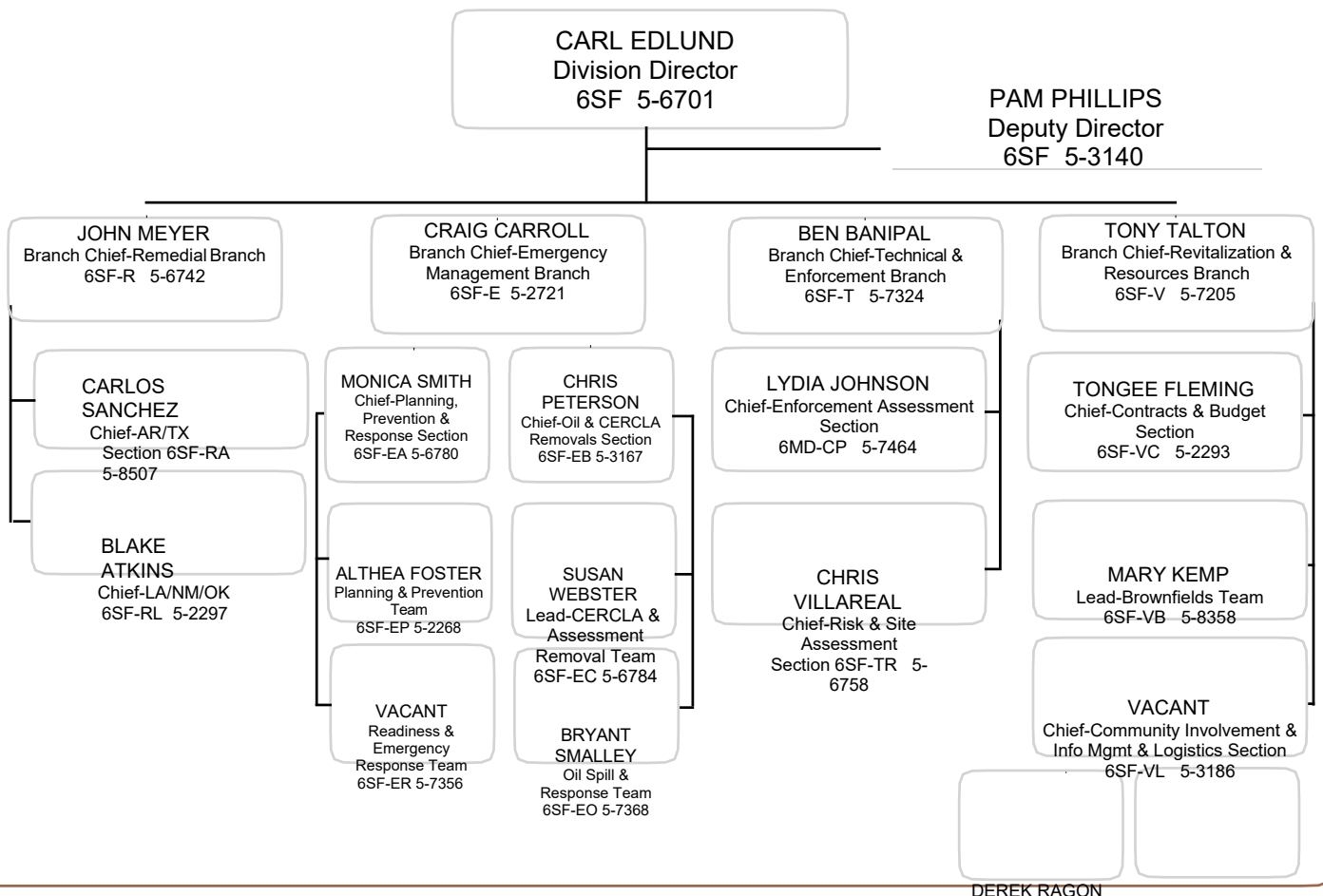
### **Multimedia Division (6MM)**

*Lisa Price*  
*Deputy Director*



# Superfund Division

The Superfund Division implements and enforces the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, the Oil Pollution Act, and the Brownfields program. We clean up hazardous waste sites, respond to emergency pollution problems, and assist communities restoring contaminated land to a usable condition. The division manages grants and contracts to assist with funding and has a robust community outreach program.



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## Superfund Division (6SF)

*Carl Edlund*  
*Director*

Carl Edlund is the Director of the Superfund Division in EPA Region 6. Mr. Edlund joined EPA in 1970 and is a charter member of the organization. In Washington, he led a task force to successfully reduce pollution from steel mills.

After joining Region 6 in 1977, he managed the Air Enforcement Branch, the Resources Management Branch, and the Superfund Program Branch. In 1999, he was accepted into the Senior Executive Service and became the Director of the Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division. Four years ago, he returned to the Superfund Division as its director. During his career, Carl has received national recognition for innovation and leadership. Examples include; successful cleanup of hundreds of hazardous waste sites worth over \$2 billion; developing innovative air pollution reduction plans that measurably benefit all 35 million people living in Region 6 states; and promoting environmentally safe reuse of hundreds of former hazardous waste sites that now benefit communities and leverage billions of dollars in development. Most recently, he directed the successful EPA response to Hurricane Harvey. He is a member of the Southern Methodist University Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Advisory Board and a past adjunct professor there. He also served as EPA's representative on the Presidential Good Neighbor Environment Board. Carl is married, has four children and many grandchildren.

Pam Phillips has been with the agency since 1979 and has been the Deputy Director of the Superfund Division since 1995. Pam started as an enforcement attorney and was the lead agency attorney on many of the original Superfund and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act cases filed in Region 6. She has worked in all of the agency enforcement programs, but has spent most of her time in the Superfund program. In 1994 and 1995, Pam worked in the Office of the Regional Administrator as the Enforcement Coordinator. Through the years Pam has had several long -term details to EPA headquarters to work on everything from contract issues to Superfund programmatic issues. Pam is one of the few people in Region 6 who has worked in both the legal offices and the programmatic offices. Pam is a 1976 graduate of the Southern Methodist University Law School and a 1973 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

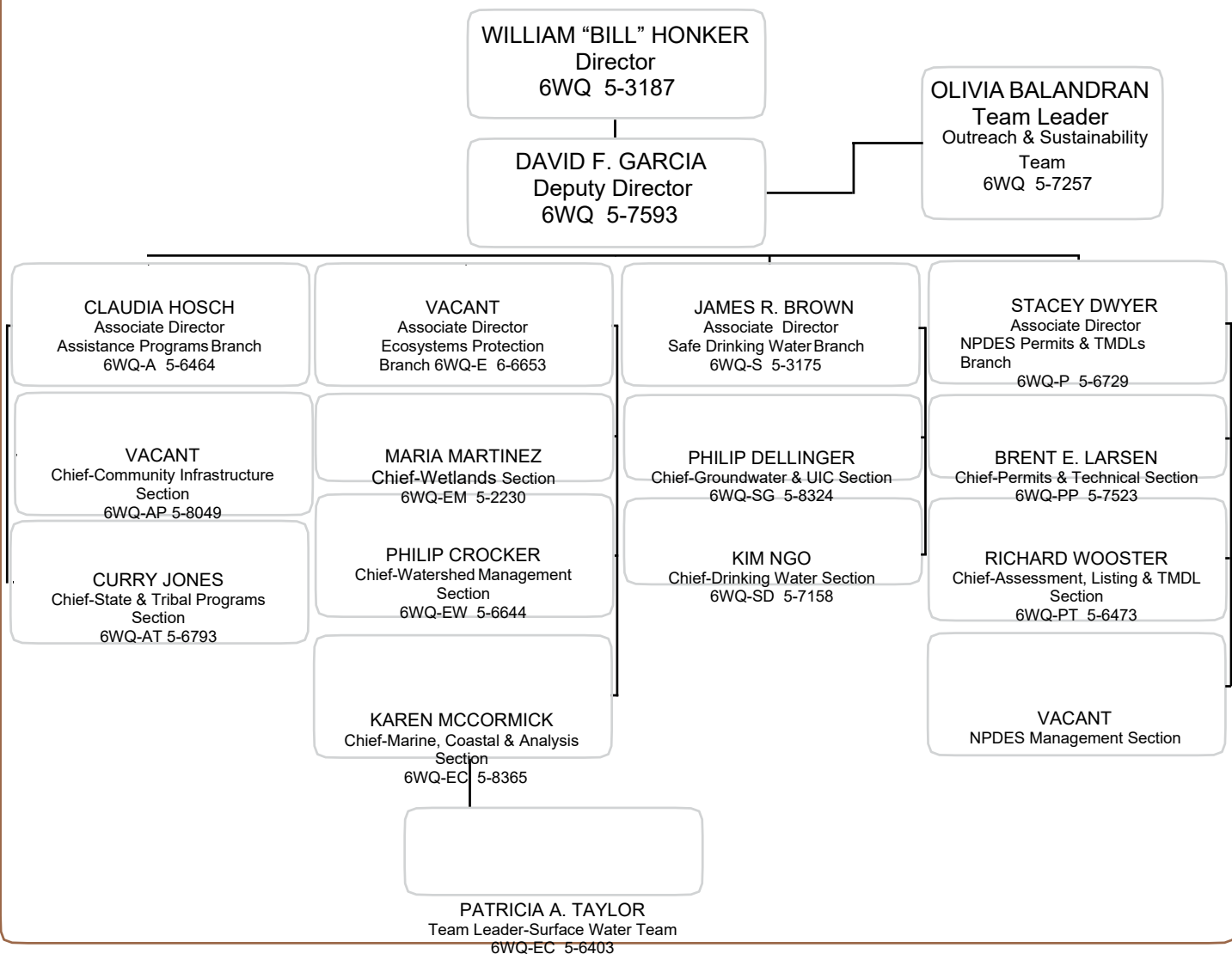


## Superfund Division (6SF)

*Pam Phillips*  
*Deputy Director*

# Water Division

The Water Division provides oversight and implements Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Act programs in Region 6. The division communicates EPA's national and regional operating guidance to the states and tribes and assists them in developing comprehensive water programs through federal funding and technical assistance. With these and other resources, states develop the capability to assume federal water programs through delegation agreements. The division also provides technical and financial assistance to state and local agencies and to tribes. The division directly implements programs in non-delegated states and on tribal lands.



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## Water Division (6WQ)

*William “Bill” Honker  
Director*



Bill Honker has served as Director of the Water Division for EPA Region 6 since October 2011. Prior to stepping into the Director’s role, Bill served as the Deputy Director of the Water Quality Protection Division since March 2005. Bill has been with Region 6 since 1975 and has served in management positions in the water quality, underground injection control, pesticides, hazardous waste permitting, Superfund, and air enforcement programs, as well as in the Regional Administrator’s office. He also served as the Assistant Regional Administrator for Management for a portion of 2009. Bill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science from the University of Oklahoma in 1975 and an Master of Science degree in environmental science from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1985. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Texas. Bill has indicated he will retire in December 2017.

David Garcia has served as the Deputy Director of the Water Division for EPA Region 6 since April 2013. Prior to stepping into the Deputy Director’s role, David served as Acting Director for the Region’s Multimedia, Planning and Permitting Division and served as the Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator for Management for a portion of 2012 and 2013. David has been with Region 6 since 1991 and has served the majority of that time in Air Permitting and Air Enforcement management positions. David earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas in Arlington. He received a certification as a registered Professional Engineer in Texas in 1992.



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## Water Division (6WQ)

*David Garcia  
Deputy Director*

